“Accreditation of a National Implementing Entity
The Case of ANII”

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Access to the Resources of the Adaptation Fund

- The parties complying with the requirements can submit their projects directly to the AF through an accredited national implementation entity (NIE).

- A group of parties may also nominate regional and sub-regional entities as implementing entities.

- The parties may submit their proposals through an accredited multilateral implementing entity (MIE).
The strategic decision to establish a NIE: benefits for the country

- Increased funding opportunities for developing countries
- Direct access to the Adaptation Fund resources
- Development of management skills in order to access the Adaptation Fund
- Approaching the problem from a national perspective:
  - Priorities identified internally by developing countries
  - It ensures the coherence with the national strategies on development, poverty reduction and climate change
  - Prioritization considering existing policies
- Enhanced control of the process and the timing
- Development of local capabilities to manage complex projects
Capabilities & Attributes of a NIE

- Comply with AF fiduciary standards:
  - Management Capability
  - Financial integrity
  - Institutional Capability
  - Transparency

- Being able to assume full responsibility for the general management of projects and programs

- Capability to assume financial responsibilities, follow-up and project report

- Climate or Environmental issues as a key priority

- The NIE must have:
  - Solid expertise in program and project management
  - The support of the national authority in environmental policies
  - A fluent relation with the national authority and relevant agents
Accreditation of ANII as NIE Why ANII?

- ANII is a key player of National Strategic Plan in Science & Technology, Environmental issues are a strategic priority in this plan
- Strong experience executing Programs and Projects financed by national & international entities (IADB, World Bank, EU)
- Operational processes documented and certified
- Evaluation & and projects follow-up system
- External auditing systems according to international standards
- Proven management skills (running US$ 30 million per year budget).
Once the decision has been taken, the process is:

- **Dynamic**: it takes only two or three months depending on the Board’s meetings

- **Clear**: there are clear guidelines during the process

- **Highly demanding** in terms of management capabilities

- **Supported by the Fund** when specific consultations
Examples of exchanges with the Adaptation Fund during the accreditation process

- Details of the payment and disbursement procedures
- ANII’s budget approved by the Government and sources of funding
- The status of the Project Management System
- A legal opinion explaining how ANII’s objectives, allows the Institute to take the role of NIE
- ANII’s legal status and the Fiduciary Standard
- Procurement policies and procedures, and the consistency of these standards with recognized international practice
- Policy framework and procedures of risk assessment and mitigation strategies
Sharing some lessons learned

- The evaluation process was comprehensive, evaluators made a deep analysis of the information submitted.

- Requests for clarification are made with little time for the Board meeting, the technical team should be prepared and available.

- A multidisciplinary team must lead the accreditation process (information involves the different and areas and processes of the organization).

- Take into account translation delays.

- Perform all necessary consultations to the AF during the accreditation process.